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**RESPONSE**

Filed with a Request For a Three Month Extension and a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Provisional Double Patenting Rejection Over a Pending "Reference" Application (U.S. Application No. 10/644,749), this is responsive to the Office Action of October 11, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks:

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